

Warriors Conquer Lawndale In Final Pioneer Cage Tilt

Snapping a four-game losing streak, West High closed out its second season of Pioneer League basketball with a 66-59 triumph over Lawndale Friday night.

Senior Richard Hall turned in a clutch final quarter performance, delivering 10 points on long jump shots, to help the Warriors stave off a determined Lawndale rally.

WEST LED during most of the game, holding a 16-14 first quarter lead and a 34-31 bulge at intermission. A traditionally cold third stanza almost cost the Tribe a win.

In the third quarter, West made only 3 of 14 shots from the floor and Lawndale picked up a 45-43 lead.

Everything changed in the last quarter as Hall suddenly found the mark. West banged in 10 of 18 shots, went into a half-court press, and out-scored the Cardinals, 23-14.

Hall finished with 20 points to edge teammate Terry Febles and Cardinal center Tom Duncan for high-scoring honors. Febles and Duncan closed with 15 points.

Duncan, who controls the boards for Lawndale, gave West a big boost with two minutes left in the third quarter when he picked up his fifth personal foul.

Lawndale quickly pulled ahead of West in the second half when the Warriors switched from a man-to-man defense into a zone. The Cardinals, unable to penetrate the zone, went to the outside, and quickly picked up a five-point lead on long buckets.

Warrior center John Cochran, although scoring only 6 points, hauled down 26 rebounds and was a key man in West's first half success, setting up easy layups through smooth passing.

Febles, who enjoyed one of his highest-scoring nights of the year, also hauled down 13 rebounds.

Guard Dan Thomas canned only eight points. It was the first league contest of the year in which Thomas has not finished in double figures.

Victory left West in fourth place, behind Aviation, El Segundo and Torrance in the Pioneer chase. The Warriors ended with a 4-6 league record and a 6-15 season mark.

AVIATION suffered its first circuit defeat of the year Friday night when resurging El Segundo, the defending CIF "AA" division champs, romped to an upset victory. El Segundo and Aviation will represent the Pioneer loop in the CIF playoffs which begin Tuesday.

During the past year, West chalked up its first win ever against Torrance High. The Warriors won a first-round game but later dropped a return decision.

Head West coach Tom Sutherland is hopeful of placing Thomas and Cochran on the all-league squad. Thomas, only a junior, has been the Warrior's top defensive man and playmaker. Cochran, although the league's second-smallest center at 6-2, is one of the circuit's top rebounders.

Sutherland felt his club had improved immeasurably from last year, although the Warriors did not compile a significantly better won-lost mark.

Last year, West lost contests by 20 or 30 points and was constantly out-scored. This season, the Warriors were never routed and managed to consistently rebound with taller squads.



ALL THE WAY . . . Rich Hall goes all the way for two points Friday night despite the objections of a Lawndale defender in West High's 66-59 Pioneer League triumph. Hall carded 10 of his 20 points in the final eight minutes of play as West broke a four-game losing streak in the final cage contest of the season. The Warriors finished in fourth place behind Aviation, El Segundo and Torrance in the Pioneer circuit. (Herald Photo)

METRO UPSET

Camino Beats Bakersfield With Wild Scoring Assault

El Camino College used its superior manpower Friday night to run host Bakersfield into the ground and hang a 112-96 Metropolitan Conference cage defeat on the Renegades.

Bakersfield found itself with only seven men and Camino took advantage of the fact to run the 'Gades into the ground and ring up its biggest scoring total of the season.

With only four seconds left to play, Bakersfield was actually able to field only four players. One man had fouled out and two more were injured.

In the meantime, 11 Camino cagers found their way into the score book. Deadly Bob Garcia, 5-9 guard who has been unstoppable in the last two games, flipped 24 points

through the cords to top Camino.

Garcia now has 54 markers in his last two outings. The Santa Barbara grad hit on 8 of 11 shots Friday night.

Former Torrance High great Jim Brennan poured in 22 points and big Dan Caton added 12 for the Warriors. Reserves Jim Lloyd (11) and Clark Canfield (12) also helped blister the 'Gades.

El Camino managed a 51-42 halftime bulge and at one point in the second half, the Warriors held a 58-54 edge. Bakersfield eventually sliced the Tribe margin to 14 points but lacked the depth to come any closer.

Camino flipped in 56 per cent of its shots in the second half and utilized a full court press against the bewildered Renegades.

Victory gave the Warriors a 5-7 conference mark and pulled them into a tie with East Los Angeles for fifth place with two more contests still on the docket.

Bakersfield, trying to avoid a cellar position, received big scoring efforts from three men. Ray Ermigarat poured through 27 points while Paul Crissman accounted for 24 and Larry Tolliver shoved in 23.

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Price Goes on Point Spree

Billy Jo Price went basket crazy in the final quarter for the Wreck Aides in Tuesday League basketball action the past week, but it was not enough to save his team from a 65-52 defeat at the hands of Party House.

Price gunned in 17 of his 29 points in the last quarter, but received scoring support only from Gary Nix's 9 points. Rich Ruffell led Party House with 11 markers while Joe Austin canned 13.

JACK HADLEY plunked in

20 markers and Jimmie Blevins added 13 as Parker Aircraft recorded a 60-27 triumph over the Harbor Hornets. Al Garner led the low-scoring losers with 13 points.

In an exhibition game, TRW Semi-Conductor notched a 28-24 decision over Redondo Ward. Henry Tarango was the top scorer for the winners with six points, but he received scoring support from seven teammates. Fred Hoopes canned 10 markers for Redondo Ward.

Resurrection Lutheran pop-

ped up with a 47-35 win over Torrance First Lutheran in Church League competition. Phil Nelson canned 12 markers and Tom Frame added 10 for the winners. Manager Jim Batema (19) and Danny George (14) were high point men for the losers.

Three men hit in double figures for the Waleria Assembly of God in a 51-43 win over Redondo Baptist. Ronald Drake canned 12 markers while Russ Drake added 11 and Gary Henderson contributed 10. Dan Kerberg poured in 21 points for Redondo.

TORRANCE First Baptist recorded 20 points in the final quarter to cinch a 49-40 triumph over the King's Men. Paul Plunkett (18) and John Stanley (14) led the winners. Manager Bob Hubert was top gunner for the losers with 12 markers.

Bill Clark flipped in 21 points, manager Bob Citrowski added 11 and Larry Ferguson chipped in with 10 as Aeronca romped to a 56-37 triumph over Foods Co. in Industrial League play.

Manager Gary Little with 16 points and Bill McWhallen with 10 led Foods Co.

In an exhibition tilt, the Jack Kramer Club recorded a 34-26 win over Local 1-547 as Avery Bryant flipped in 18 points.

AlResearch picked up a 2-0 Industrial League win by virtue of a forfeit by Harvey Aluminum.

Amble League play found the Madrona Squares defeating the Torrance POA by a 14-10, 12-16, 10-6 margin, the Rat Finks earning a 13-5, 15-2, 14-6 win over the Cabrillo Tigers, and the Bears slipping the Bulls a 16-6, 14-6 defeat.

The Ball Hogs and the Dead Heads both won by forfeit.

Grunion to Start Visits to Beaches

It's grunion hunting time again, with the silvery little fish due to stage their first four-night spawning run of 1964 on the sandy ocean beaches of Southern California starting the night of February 29, reports the Department of Fish and Game.

Runs lasting about an hour each are expected to begin about 11 p.m. on February 29, 11:30 p.m. on March 1, 12 midnight on March 2, and 12:30 a.m. on the night of March 3.

Beaches where good grunion runs often occur include the Coronado Strand, Mission Beach, La Jolla, Del Mar, Doheny Beach, Corona del Mar, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Belmont Long Beach, Cabrillo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Venice, Santa Monica, Malibu, Santa Barbara, Pismo Beach, and the beach between Morro Bay and Cayucos.

GRUNION MAY be taken on the beach or in the surf by hand only. No device of any kind may be used and it is unlawful to dig holes in the sand to trap the fish. A sportfishing license is required for persons 16 years of age and over.

There is no bag limit on grunion, says the DFG, but don't take more than you can use. Grunion are tasty morsels when scaled and fried fresh, especially after a cold night on the beach.

GRUNION MAY not run right on schedule on every beach or on every night they are supposed to run, or they may even pick a night when they're not expected.

Still, patience and fortitude usually pay off in a delicious fish dinner.

Hahn Seeks AFL Team

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, apparently outraged by the new Rams contract which has been presented to the Coliseum Commission, has begun exploring the possibility of bringing an American Football League team to Los Angeles.

In a letter to AFL commissioner Joe Foss, Hahn asked that he be notified if such a proposal is feasible. He also conferred with Baron Hilton, owner of the San Diego Chargers.

Hahn has been highly critical of the proposed Rams contract and what he regards as an attempt to force action by the Coliseum Commission by rumors the Rams will move to Dodger Stadium if their proposals are not accepted.

The supervisor said the county, "quickly becoming the sports capital of the world, could certainly accommodate both an American and National league football team."



WINNING FORM . . . El Camino College sophomore gymnast Dave Wall goes through a practice routine on the parallel bars. Wall is regarded by coach Don Jurk as one of the Warrior's top gymnasts. Jurk feel Wall has a chance of winning All-Metropolitan Conference honors on the parallel bars.

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